

On whether or not to give LPFM preference over FM on translator service, I would agree that it is good to give more opportunity to the LPFM stations to allow for variety on the air. However, I would ask you to consider that there are a number of not-for-profit radio stations that use the translators and do not have to money (as a regular commercial station might) to find an alternative. I would request that the law make exception for this case (and others of equal merit) or simply not be changed at all, as the system currently in place is not so terrible after all. As a specific example, consider the station AIR 1. This station may be a regional station which under normal circumstances acts a bit like a monopoly on a region, but in the case of AIR 1 and other not for profit radio stations, they are simply trying to stretch their already tiny budget to reach as many people as possible with what they feel is valuable entertainment - in this case spreading the message of Christianity, but I am sure there are other stations that are in a similar situation as well. Simply, in many cases the smaller stations have a hard time getting enough donations to maintain themselves and by combining efforts they can survive and benefit one another by creating a network. I would, however agree that if exception were made for these sorts of stations, putting limitations on them, as I am sure even non profit radio stations can grow into giant monster conglomerations that ultimately suppress the small independent local station. Thanks you for your time.